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MATTERS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN AND ABOUT THE HOUSEHOLD

By Marion Harland.



A jacket of natural shade Angora wool is another of the season's novelties.



A Tam-o-Shanter of fleecy white wool.



Golf hat in gray and red.



Golf hat of white beaver with a trimming of red velvet and quill.

WINTER HATS AND JACKETS

A reader asked lately how to keep a gas oven from rusting. This is the way I manage mine. When I have roasted meat, before I put the oven away I heat it over the stove for a few minutes, then set it on the table, and with a clean white rag dipped in the meat dripping I rub the oven thoroughly, inside and outside, door, top and bottom. If there is too much grease, throw away the rag that has absorbed it. If the fat does not keep off until I get through, I put the oven on the stove and heat it again. The reason is to rub it while it is hot and never let steam get cold in it and rust. After cooking things that steam, dry the oven over the stove for a few minutes before putting it away. Keep in a dry place.

I would suggest rubbing with mutton fat or beef fat (warm), and have the oven warm. It would work the same as my way.

I did not see any answer about this, so I venture mine, having profited by some good information through your department. I am glad if I can help a little.

M. C. H.

Will you or some of your readers give me a recipe of something to keep older sweet, and from getting hard?

H. H.

We all know that salicylate is used openly and freely for this purpose. Perhaps some reader can tell "H. H." of a less hurtful preservative?

I see a great many housekeepers have much trouble with bed-bugs. Now is the time to clean the house and beds to be rid of them before the spring weather sets in again, and the eggs hatch out. I lived in Colorado Springs two years, and had my share of them in rented houses. I bought a preparation (it is stronger than sulphur) filled a bucket with ashes, then put live coals on top, broke up about a cupful of brimstone and put on the coals; shut the room tight and let it burn for half a day or over night. Then take laundry soap, put it in hot water with a few drops of kerosene, and fill every hole and crack in bed and wood-work in room, and leave it there to harden. It leaves no place for them to get in. Try this and there will be no bother next summer.

A CONSTANT READER.

Will you be a good genius to me and tell me how to remove spots from a black brilliantine skirt? I put it on once and passed through a cake in Berlin. A stupid maid spilled a cup of chocolate with whipped cream in it all over the front of my dress. It happened three months ago, but being on a touring trip I could not attend to it.

M. M.

Sponge well with two parts alcohol and one part warm water. Rub dry and cover the spot with powdered French chalk, as much as the stuff will take up. If you can apply the chalk to the wrong side of the brilliantine, so much the better. Leave on all night. Lay then two thickness of tissue paper over the chalk, and press with a hot iron. Should the chalk leave a faint blur, wipe off with alcohol.

Your series of articles about the use of formaldehyde for destroying vermin has interested me, and I wish to add a word of testimony. Several months ago we wished to get rid of bed-bugs and cockroaches in a small bed-room, kitchen and dining-room, and decided to try formaldehyde. In order to know whether this method is effective or not, we placed several live bugs and roaches in a glass covered with a thin cloth through which the fumes could easily pass. Two pint bottles of the liquid were then used in the three rooms, which were kept closed for six hours during the night. At the end of that time we found that not one of the captives was dead, nor did those at liberty seem to have suffered much discomfort. The only noticeable effect was that the roaches needed airing for about two months afterward.

EXPERIMENTER.

Another witness in the formaldehyde case! Thus far the testimony is pretty evenly balanced, with a slight tilt of the scales against the new drug as a vermin destroyer. The evidence does not in the least affect the fact that it is one of the best fumigating agents known to the profession, and a valuable deodorizer where evil smells cling to closets or rooms, and haunt the householder with the dread of "mouldy air." Where there is a "bad smell," there is always danger to human health.

TO PROMOTE EDUCATION

General Education Board Organized in Washington.

ITS OBJECTS SET FORTH

Betterment of Rural Free Schools in Southern States is Chief Purpose of the Organization—Will Receive Funds for This.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29.—The General Education Board recently chartered by Congress for the promotion of educational work in the United States, organized here to-day. The board consists of W. V. Baldwin, Jr., Wallace Buttrick, J. L. M. Curry, Frederick T. Gates, Daniel C. Gilman, Morris K. Jessup, Robert C. Ogden, Walter H. Hago, George Foster Peabody, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Albert Shaw.

Mr. Baldwin was elected chairman, Mr. Peabody treasurer, and Mr. Buttrick secretary and legislative officer. The business offices of the board will be at No. 116 Nassau Street, New York City. One of its main objects is the promotion of rural free schools in the Southern States, although the charter contemplates educational work in all parts of the United States. Pending the granting of the charter the board has been at work for a year under articles of association. At the beginning of its work "a generous friend," as stated by the board, subscribed \$100,000 a year for a period of ten years, which sum, the board says, has enabled the demonstration of the possibility of effective work and the practicability of philanthropic co-operation with the public authorities. This donor was Mr. Rockefeller. Other sums of money smaller in amount also have been received. A recent report that vast sums of money are to be placed at the disposal of the board is announced officially to be absolutely without foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The board to-day issued the following announcement: "In developing its constructive program to aid rural schools the board has counseled with State and county school authorities. State superintendents of public instruction in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana have held conferences with their county superintendents at which the executive officer of the General Education Board has been a most welcome guest. He has accepted an invitation to meet the county superintendents of Florida at Gainesville, in that State, next week. The knowledge thus acquired and the relations established have convinced the board that the opportunities are now at hand for wise and prudent investment of large sums of money to promote the education of all the people throughout the Southern States. The fact is demonstrated that no wiser or more patriotic opportunity for philanthropy is before the people of the United States.

The board is now organized to receive funds designated for the further prosecution of the work begun, to act as trustee for the holding and investment of funds designated for the benefit of institutions of learning, and to pay over the annual income of such funds under the terms of the trust; to see that funds given conditionally to institutions through the board are disbursed in strict accordance with the conditions. Funds held by the General Education Board are free of taxation."

PEABODY TRUSTEES HOLD A MEETING

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Board of Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund held a special meeting in this city to-day for the purpose of formulating a plan by which the work of the board and that of the Education Board, which is working along the same lines, shall not be duplicated. The following members were present: Mr. Samuel E. Green, Massachusetts; James T. Porter, Tennessee; J. P. Morgan, New York; Chief Justice Fuller, of the Supreme Court; Wm. A. Bourke-White, of Ohio; Charles E. Smith, of Alabama; Charles E. Smith, of Louisiana; ex-President D. C. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University; George Peabody Wetmore, Rhode Island; Senator Hoar, Massachusetts; ex-Archbishop Doane, New York; Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith, Georgia; Right Rev. William Doane, of New York. The general subject of education in the South was discussed. The most important action taken was the adoption of the following resolution: "That in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the fund in its hands, or a portion of the income thereof, should be applied, so far as legal and practicable, to the establishment and maintenance of a teachers' college, to be called the Peabody College for Teachers, at such a point in the Southern States as may be found advisable. That a committee of five, to be appointed by the chairman, is hereby directed to confer with any of the boards of education created in the subject matter and to report at the next meeting of the board a plan for carrying into effect the purpose and object above stated, and that the committee be authorized to call to their aid such specialists as may by them be deemed necessary."

COMMITTEE NAMED.
The following persons were appointed as the committee:
Dr. Gilman, ex-Secretary of State Oliver, Senator Hoar, J. P. Morgan and ex-Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith. The board also adopted a resolution discontinuing the payments for scholarships that have been given for some years to a certain number of students at the Peabody Normal School at Nashville. "The continuance of the payment was declared 'inexpedient.' The discontinuance will not take effect until October, 1904, so as not to interfere with existing scholarships.

The Peabody fund capital is now \$2,160,000. To-day's proceedings show that a final distribution of the Peabody fund is now in contemplation, although such final winding up of affairs will require some years for consummation.
NO PLAN FORMULATED.
No definite plan of action was formulated, and it will be in the neighborhood of a year before a final and satisfactory basis can be agreed upon. The committee appointed under the resolution regarding cooperation in the afternoon conferred with a committee from the General Education Board, consisting of Herbert C. Ogden, of New York; George Foster Peabody, of New York; and Wm. H. Baldwin, Jr., of New York. At this conference the subject of education in the South was generally discussed and methods for avoidance of duplication of work by the two bodies were talked over, but no definite line of action will be formulated.

The next meeting of the board will be the annual session, to be held in New York in October. Chief Justice Fuller presided at to-day's session and Dr. Samuel A. Green, of Boston, was secretary.



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VERY DULL IN SENATE

Nothing Lively in Debates in Either House.

WEED OUT ARMY OFFICERS

Mr. McLaurin, of Mississippi, Urged Adoption of Rawlins' Resolutions. House Passed Indian Appropriation Bill—Live Gossip.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 29.—The Senate proceedings to-day were unmarked by any lively debates such as occurred yesterday. Mr. McLaurin, of Mississippi, urged the adoption of the Rawlins resolutions, calling on the Secretary of War for the evidence in certain courts-martial cases in the Philippines on the ground that officers of the army in the Philippines in a number of instances had brutally treated Filipino men and women, and he wanted them weeded out of the army.

Mr. Lodge concluded his remarks in opposition to the omnibus statehood bill, and Mr. Bard, of California, also spoke in opposition to it.
NOT EXTRAORDINARY.
Just before the Senate adjourned, Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, took occasion to say that the proposition of Senator Quay to tack the statehood bill on an appropriation bill was not extraordinary. Legislation had been placed in appropriation bills before against the will of the Senate. Mr. Clay, of Georgia, took the same position, and said that the record showing that the Philippine legislation known as the Spooner amendment was voted upon in the army appropriation bill.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

In the House.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The House to-day passed the Indian appropriation bill and began consideration of the statehood appropriation bill. Mr. Burton, (Republican), of Ohio, continued his criticism of the extravagance of the items in the Indian bill to the end, but his three days' attack on the bill was not productive of many reductions. Mr. Patterson (Democrat), of Tennessee, took advantage of the latitude allowed in general debate on the position bill to make a set speech of an hour and a half on the trust question. Mr. Reid (Democrat), of Arkansas, spoke on good roads. Messrs. Hepburn, of Iowa; Mann, of Illinois; and Richardson, of Alabama, spoke as conferees on the Department of Commerce bill just as the House adjourned.

Injured in a Saw-Mill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEBANON, VA., January 29.—While working at a saw-mill in this place and Cleveland, Kentucky, B. T. Bussell, son of Colonel J. W. Bussell, and his brother, J. F. Bussell, editor of the Lebanon News, was struck a terrible blow by a piece of flying timber from the following results. He is still unconscious, and there is thought to be no chance of his recovery. He has a wife and two children.

Confirmed by Senate.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29.—Confirmations by the Senate; George B. Carter, secretary of the territory of Hawaii; Postmasters—Florida, John H. Hubbard; Delaware, George A. McClinton; Blackhear, Virginia, Charles Buggs, Farmville.

OLD WHITE SOIL FOUND VALUABLE

Interesting Revelations Found in Analyses of Virginia Lands—Maps Made.

The State and the United States government are having a most interesting and valuable analysis made now of the soil of Virginia, and well-known startlings revelations are being made. It is found that much of the old land of the State, now grown up in pines and regarded as worthless except to produce certain fruits and vegetables, tobacco and other well-selling crops. Mr. Chemist Magruder is now engaged in this work and is meeting with some valuable findings, which farmers and persons seeking to purchase land will find exceedingly serviceable. Mr. Magruder has "drawn" soil from Albemarle and other counties, and has completed some of the samples. In the meantime the National Government is going over the entire State with a number of men. A section of the State, including Bedford, Botetourt, Roanoke and other counties, has been completed and a map has been made, which can now be seen in Mr. Kolner's office. Mr. Kolner will go to Washington soon and ask the government to put a still larger force in Virginia. He regards the work of great value, enabling the visitor to see at a glance what soil can be found in all parts of the State and what crops it is best adapted to.

PERILOUSLY NEAR BREACH

A Pause in the Venezuelan Negotiations.

THE ALLIES ARE INSISTENT

Demand That They Have Preferential Treatment in Settlement of Claims. Minister Bowen Has Asked for More Specific Instructions.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—There was a pause in the Venezuelan negotiations that approached perilously near a breach, and the end is not yet in sight. It all grows out of the attitude of the allies in insisting upon preferential treatment for themselves in the settlement of their claims.

As foreshadowed in the London despatches, Mr. Bowen has been informed of the decision of the allies to insist upon adhering to this claim, and he has come to a stand in his work for the moment. For half an hour he was in consultation with Secretary Hay at the State Department to-day, though the Secretary is taking no part in the negotiations in any official way.

Mr. Bowen is believed to have taken steps to acquaint President Castro with the demands of the allies—a sure sign that these demands exceed, in spirit at least, the concessions that Mr. Bowen expected to make. Possibly fresh and enlarged powers will be necessary to enable him to meet the demands.

JOINT REPLY

Germany, Great Britain and Italy Not Content With Equality.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Great Britain, Germany and Italy have sent a joint reply to Minister Bowen, refusing to accept the proposal that all the countries having claims against Venezuela should be placed on an equality with the three co-operating Powers.

Venezuela's answer to this communication is expected to arrive here to-morrow. If Mr. Bowen can agree to give preference to the claims of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, the blockade is likely to be raised at once.

Should Venezuela demur or complications arise, such as a protest from some of the other Powers, the negotiations may be indefinitely prolonged. Authoritative opinion here differs regarding the outcome. The German officials adhere to the belief that when President Castro signs the terms, the Powers are so completely unanimous and insistent upon preference he will agree to it. The British Foreign Office adopts a non-committal attitude, not altogether without a pessimistic trend. All, however, unite in declaring that after all the many in the world who believe the claims would not be equitably treated if they were put on the same basis as those of nations who have not taken steps to recover their debts or re-establish their prestige in Venezuela.

BURNED TO DEATH

Child Fatally Injured Before the Mother Could Aid It.

Before her mother could get up a flight of stairs to her assistance, the two-year-old child of Julia Morton, colored woman, living in an alley on South Fourteenth Street between Cary and Canal, was burned horribly Sunday night to an extent that she died Wednesday evening from her injuries.

The accident happened about the time of the tenth Street fire, which drew many people to the scene. Every body in the house by the mother, who herself finally went outside to go to the bottom of the stairs for something. The child attempted to follow, but her mother motioned her back with the injunction "Go in to the fire, baby, and keep warm."

Literally and with horrible results the child went in to the fire. But a moment or two had passed when the mother heard agonized screams. She climbed the rickety stairs as fast as she could, and burst into the room, but only to find that she was too late. The baby was the center of a mass of flames, and was suffering terribly. The Morion woman did all she could—pulled the burning clothes off and narrowly escaping serious injury herself—but it was of no avail.

After lingering until Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock the child died.

Portrait of Dr. Rice.

A handsome portrait of the Rev. Dr. John Holt Rice, the founder of Union Theological Seminary, has just been presented to the institution by Miss Catherine R. James, of this city. It was painted by Ingham, of New York, a famous portrait painter of his day, for Miss James' father, Mr. Joseph Shepherd James, between whom and Dr. Rice, then his pastor in Richmond, a warm friendship existed. It is a valuable addition to the gallery of portraits in the library building.

Funeral of Mr. Goodliff.

The funeral of Mr. William H. Goodliff, who died suddenly Wednesday night at his home near Oakwood Cemetery, will take place to-day. Delegations from the Odd-Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Pythias will attend.

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TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Four Men Killed; One Fatally and Others Seriously Hurt.

ACCUMULATION OF GAS

Section of Building of Eckart Packing Company's Plant Completely Destroyed, Burying Dead and Injured in Ruins—\$15,000.

(By Associated Press.)

FORT WAYNE, IND., January 29.—Four men were killed, one fatally and three others seriously injured and a half score of others more or less severely hurt in an explosion which wrecked a large section of the Eckart Packing Company's plant at 7 o'clock this morning. The dead: JOHN FOLTZ, Fort Wayne. "RED" MATTHEWS, Plymouth, Ind. HENRY PIERCE, Fort Wayne. CONRAD MILLER, Fort Wayne. Seriously injured: John Yost, fatally. William Kintz, John Kolbach and Clem Keller.

NATURAL GAS.

The explosion occurred half an hour after operations had begun for the day, and is believed to have been due to an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar beneath the section of the factory destroyed. There were a score of men at work in the several departments in the section of the plant, and scarcely one escaped injury of some sort.

The explosion was terrific, completely wrecking a section of the building 65,000 feet and two stories in height. The dead and injured were buried in the ruins, and the peril of those yet living was increased by flames following the explosion and the escape of large quantities of ammonia stored in the basement. The fire was soon extinguished and the work of rescue began. Foltz, Matthews, Miller and Piepenbrink were dead when taken out.

The property loss will probably reach \$15,000.

THE BLUFF WILL GO

Senate Military Committee Determined to Keep Things Ready for Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29.—The Venezuelan situation, and especially the attitude of Germany, was discussed by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs to-day, and the situation induced the committee on some matters pertaining to the army appropriation bill, among which was the decision to accept the House provision relating to transports, so that they would be retained in the service. The committee also provided for an increase of electricians, skilled gunners, machinists and sergeants and others who take care of and handle guns in the sea-coast defenses.

Some other additions were made in the bill with a view of improving the service. The discussion was general and earnest, and the conclusion reached, as stated by a member of the committee, was that the United States should make it plain that the honor and dignity of the country would be maintained, and that Germany should not be allowed to "bluff" the government by any attitude she might assume.

The bill, which was reported to the Senate to-day, contains the Root state bill, as reported from the Committee on Military Affairs some time ago; also the retirement bill, which also was reported from the same committee.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Senate Asks for Conference With the House on the Measure.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Senate Committee on Commerce to-day heard the report of the subcommittee appointed to make suggestions as to what, if any, amendments should be made to the Department of Commerce bill, but declined to report the measure back to the Senate without amendments and ask for a conference with the House. Accordingly, after the Senate convened the bill was then reported by Senator Hanna and the Senate ordered a conference with Senators Hanna, Nelson and Clay on the conference on the part of the Senate.

Their efforts will be directed toward securing an amendment for a bureau of corporations. The Senate Committee will ask for a modification of trust provision, which will direct the corporation bureau to secure all obtainable information concerning corporations and authorize its publicity at the discretion of the President.

The committee adheres to its opposition to the inclusion of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the new department.

Steamers Go Aground.

(By Associated Press.)
FORT BADES, Jan. 29.—The steamship Ashanti (British), from New Orleans for Bremen, ran ashore at 12:40 P. M. to-day outside the west petty. A tug has gone to her assistance.

The large steamer Providence from Sabine Pass, oil laden, is also ashore outside, having grounded during the fog.

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